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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Paul A. Borel

SUBJECT: NASA Data Storage and Retrieval

REFERENCE: Letter to Admiral Reborn from NASA dated 24 August 1965

1. Task Team III is engaged in a study of the overall effectiveness of community programs for procuring and processing selected foreign publications. It was felt desirable that, during the course of deliberations on processing of foreign publications, techniques and procedures utilized by activities other than those in the community be identified and analyzed.

2. In this context, [REDACTED] visited Mr. Mel Day 25X1A of the Scientific and Technical Information Division, NASA on 30 June 1965. Mr. Day discussed the overall NASA document storage and retrieval system as well as the production system for their various S&T reports. Emphasis was placed by Mr. Day on the role of foreign publications as sources of potentially valuable scientific and technical information.

3. NASA has a translation capability primarily for inhouse, ad hoc translation requests. These translations and translations from other sources are abstracted and indexed in NASA's journal, Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports (STAR), and appear in publications of the Federal Clearing house NASA's translations which have a distribution limitation are announced only in the Classified Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports (CSTAR). Still other translations of interest are abstracted and indexed in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics' journal, International Aerospace Abstracts.

4. Mr. Day noted that NASA utilizes the Joint Publications Research Service extensively as a source for translations of foreign language items.

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5. At the time of the briefing, it was felt by the undersigned that current NASA efforts in the field of document storage and retrieval and the production of their reports in a timely and efficient manner as disclosed by Mr. Day had significance beyond the foreign publications aspect. Consequently, it appears desirable that CODIB might wish to accept an offer made by Mr. Day to visit NASA's Scientific and Technical Information Facility and be briefed on current operations. At the time, he noted that the facility was moving shortly to a new location and that after this move had been accomplished, a CODIB tour might be arranged. You will recall that Documentation Inc. mans the NASA Scientific and Technical Information Facility.

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